GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the procurement of foodgrains and actual achievement made during the current year;

(b) whether the procurement could not take place as per the target fixed in some States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) : As the procurement operations are voluntary in nature and the farmers have the choice to sell their produce to State Government, Food Corporation of India, or in the open market, as is advantageous to them, no target, is fixed for procurement of rice and wheat. However, keeping in view the estimated production and availability of rice and wheat, a quantity of 173 lakh tonnes of rice and 192 lakh tonnes of wheat was expected to be received in the Central Pool during the Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001 and Rabi Marketing Season 2001-2002 respectively.

As on 20.8.2001, a quantity of 188.31 lakh tonnes of rice and 206.14 lakh tonnes of wheat have been procured.

(b) & (c) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.